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WATER REFORM IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT WORKSHOP THAT WILL DIRECTLY AFFECT ALL IRRIGATORS. IT IS IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS TO ATTEND.

Following the Irrigation Review, released in September 2005, the Western Australian Government established the Water Reform Implementation Committee to implement the recommendations of the review. The Committee has recently released for public comment the Draft Blueprint for Water Reform in Western Australia.

Harvey Water has been keenly interested and influential in this review since the start and put in a comprehensive submission on behalf of all shareholders.

A series of metropolitan and regional workshops are being held around the State to invite feedback on the Draft Blueprint for Water Reform in Western Australia.

**A workshop will be held in Harvey at the Wagon Wheels Hotel Motel on:
Tuesday 1 August 10.30am - 2.30pm**

Ross Kelly, Chairman of the Water Reform Implementation Committee will be at the Workshop and will outline a number of proposed directions in the following areas:

- Changing the water entitlements system – licences and licensing
- Facilitating water trading – including external trades by individual irrigators
- Implementing water metering
- Recovering water resource management costs – who should pay; how much?
- Land and water planning for the protection of land for irrigated agriculture – a critical issue for Harvey Water shareholders
- Increasing self-management
- Investing in water use efficiency – on-farm as well to the farm

These issues represent significant changes to the water reform agenda in Western Australia that will directly affect irrigators and quite soon. The workshop will give all stakeholders opportunity to be involved in the decision making process and have their say on the future direction of water reform in Western Australia.

If you would like to attend this workshop, please indicate this on the registration form enclosed and return by fax to the Department of Water as soon as possible.

A copy of the Draft Blueprint can be downloaded from the Department of Water Website: www.water.wa.gov.au or by phoning 1300 369 809.

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